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## Viewing cable 09RIYADH1166, FORMER TERRORIST SAYS AL-QAEDA LACKS FINANCING

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#09RIYADH1166**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09RIYADH1166	2009-09-08 07:03	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Riyadh

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/article1988719.ece>

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VZCZCXRO0073
PP RUEHROV
DE RUEHRH #1166/01 2510703
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
P 080703Z SEP 09
FM AMEMBASSY RIYADH
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1527
INFO RUEHXX/ARAB ISRAELI COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RHEHNSC/NSC WASHDC PRIORITY
RHMFISS/CDR USCENCOM MACDILL AFB FL PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 RIYADH 001166

SIPDIS

NSC FOR BROWN, TREASURY FOR GLASER, DHS FOR WARRICK,
CENTCOM FOR POLAD GFOELLER

E.O. 12958: DECL: 09/08/2019
TAGS: PREL PGOV PTER KTFN EFIN SA PK
SUBJECT: FORMER TERRORIST SAYS AL-QAEDA LACKS FINANCING
REF: A. RIYADH 1110 B. RIYADH 1121 C. RIYADH 1151
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Classified By: CDA Ambassador Richard Erdman for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D )

SUMMARY  
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- [1](#)1. (C) In a September 6 interview with liberal daily Al-Watan, former Al-Qaeda fighter Fawaz Al-Otaibi, whose surrender to Saudi authorities AL-OTAIBI'S SURRENDER MADE PUBLIC  
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- [1](#)2. (U) On September 2, the MOI announced that Fawaz Al-Otaibi, a Saudi on the 85 most wanted list, had surrendered to authorities. The annou
- [1](#)3. (U) In a Saudi Gazette interview published September 6, Otaibi's mother claimed her son had been dreaming of Jihad since his teens. He tc AL-QAEDA FRUSTRATED, LACKS FUNDS  
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- [1](#)4. (U) On September 6, Otaibi spoke out about his experiences in an interview with influential daily Al-Watan. The main points of the interv
- [1](#)5. (U) FINANCIAL RESOURCES DRYING UP: Measures aimed at cutting off the flow of money to Al-Qaeda, including efforts to control money channe
- [1](#)6. (U) REHABILITATION PROGRAMS IRK AL-QAEDA: The Al-Qaeda camp in Waziristan, which Otaibi joined in September of last year, had been popul RIYADH 00001166 002 OF 002
- [1](#)7. (U) TARGETED RECRUITING FOR HOME COUNTRY OPERATIONS: Otaibi said the recruitment process targeted very few people, for both psychological AL-WATAN'S EDITOR ON AL-OTAIBI, EXTREMISM  
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- [1](#)8. (C) Jamal Kashoggi, editor of the influential daily Al-Watan, told Charge at a September 3 Iftar dinner that he had had an opportunity to NEW QUARTERLY REVIEWS OF SAUDI CHARITIES  
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- [1](#)9. (U) In related news, Deputy Minister of Social Affairs Abdullah Al-Yousef announced on September 4 plans to conduct quarterly reviews of t ERDMAN "